### From the desk of Mayor Joyce Spratt

Friends, Spring is just around the corner and I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on what is going on in YOUR town.

We have a new business that has just opened and want to congratulate

Ashley Hughes and Jenna Hughes the owners of the

Silver Salon!!!

It is located on the Hurlock-ENM Road right next to

Provident State Bank!!

Please stop out and say hello and check out this gorgeous salon!!

Our FREE coat giveaway was a huge success with us giving away

260 coats! We have decided to have a spring clothes giveaway in early May, so anyone that has clothes to contribute can drop them off at the Town Office between 8 and 4 Monday thru Friday! Thanks to everyone that has helped by donating to the coat giveaway and already has brought spring and summer clothes.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HURLOCK LIONS CLUB

on a very successful dinner on March 22nd where they raised over \$3000.00 for the NDHS scholarship fund. In the past 19 years with the proceeds of these dinners they have given a total of \$67,000.00 to NDHS seniors.

Contact any Lions Club member and see what this organization does. You may want to join and be a part of such a great group of men and women right here in your hometown. Don't know anyone? Call me and I will get you in contact with the right person.

The credit card machine has been installed and we are having great success with people using this for water bill payments. We also encourage you to make monthly payments on your bill so it isn't due all at once.

Speaking of water, there is a rumor going around that we have 18 fire hydrants that are not working. THIS IS DEFINITELY A RUMOR!!!

All hydrants in the town work!!!

March 16<sup>th</sup> the Robert Carson family were devastated by a house fire!!

They lost almost everything but thanks to the quick response from the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Hurlock Police Dept. they were fortunate enough to be able to save some things. Applause erupted when their dog was rescued after being trapped in the house for a few hours.

We are blessed with the BEST!!!!

With that being said the Fire Dept has FREE smoke detectors available for anyone that needs them. PLEASE take advantage of this and keep your family safe!

On April 12<sup>th</sup> we will be having OUR SPRING CLEANUP DAY!!

8AM TIL 4PM

# 4 LARGE ROLLOFF CONTAINERS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FREE DISPOSAL OF YOUR SPRING CLEAN UP ITEMS!

#### LOCATED AT THE POLICE DEPT PARKING LOT.

One container will be reserved for metal and appliances only!

We will not accept building demo materials, hazardous or explosive chemicals or materials, petroleum products or paint. TIRES and DEAD ANIMALS!!!

On the 24<sup>th</sup> we will have another cleanup for brush and leaves and limbs! Please call the town office to schedule pickup!!

Here is a list of town meeting and upcoming events

April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Town meeting at 6pm

May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> Town meeting at 6pm

(Please note that the date of the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting has changed due to Memorial Day)

May 10<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Parade and Day of Festivities starting with the parade at noon!

Please look for additional notices on the new bulletin board in front of the town office.

We have ordered banners to be put in the downtown area within the next couple of weeks!! Look for these and let us know what you think. They will be a great addition to make our town more visitor friendly!!

The Hurlock Police Dept on March 10, 214 hired Matthew Minton. Matt comes to the Hurlock Police Dept after serving 7 years with the Talbot

Sherriff's Dept. He resides in the Town of Hurlock with his wife,
Jessica. We are very excited to have him come on board with the
Department as he brings with him an excellent training resume which he
will be able to incorporate into the Police Dept.

The Hurlock Police Department is in the early stages of preparation on the new Police Headquarters and hopes to break ground in the very near future!! In my opinion we are BLESSED WITH THE BEST!!!

The council voted to participate in the Snip Tuck program to help with the cat problem in town. Right at this point we are asking for anyone that knows of colonies of cats to please contact the town office and we will then give the location to Pat Findley who has volunteered to head up this program. We also need volunteers to help trap the cats! If you are interested just contact the town office. At that point when a date is picked Mrs. Findley will contact you for your help!

We recently paid off the mortgage on the Town Office 3 years early!!!

This saved us about \$17,000.00!!!

Our motto for 2014 is to make our town,

## BEAUTIFUL AND FRIENDLY AND TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!

A smile, a handshake or just a visit can make someone's day!!!

PLEASE do not hesitate to call or contact me if you have a situation you need help with or if you are willing to help with a town project!

We are working on the Memorial Park to honor all of those who have served or are now serving in our military. Money and labor are both needed so we can get this project done by the fall.

Earl Murphy is in charge of this and is forming a committee, so if you are interested just leave your name here and he will contact you.

Jerry Rhue and Bonnie Franz both councilmembers are heading up the new Main Street committee. Please contact us if you are interested in beautifying YOUR town!!!

Sincerely,
Mayor Joyce Spratt
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